

REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated July 27, 2004 has been reviewed and the comments of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1, 2 and 10-19 are pending.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 10-19 have been allowed.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to provide sufficient antecedent basis for features recited in the claim. Claim 1 has been amended to provide antecedent basis for the terms noted in the Office Action. Support for the amendment to claim 1 is provided by Figures 4A and 4B. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicants request entry of the Amendment because the Amendment places the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. Claim 1 has been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim applicants' invention. Accordingly, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request entry, consideration of the application and prompt allowance of the pending claims. Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (202) 739-5203 if there are any outstanding issues that can be resolved via a telephone conference.

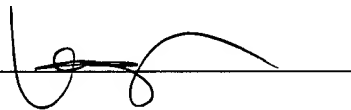
EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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